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The OIC Contact Group on Sierra Leone met at the Ministerial level on 23 September 2019, in New York, on the sidelines of the Annual Coordination Meeting of the OIC Foreign Ministers and reviewed the latest situation in the country.

1. The meeting paid tribute to the President of Sierra Leone, H.E Mr Julius Maada Bio for his unflinching commitment to democracy, rule of law, education, youth development and women empowerment, and for his resolve towards achieving economic sustainability and development.
2. Considering the numerous developmental challenges facing Sierra Leone, the meeting noted with satisfaction the one and a half year's achievements of the new Government, notably the implementation of the free quality education, the considerable improvements in the health sector and the high performance of internal revenue collection. In the area of productive undertakings, the Contact Group commended the states that made different contributions to Sierra Leone and encouraged other OIC member states to provide or increase their assistance to the country.
3. Furthermore, the meeting invited all OIC Member States and Institutions, regional and international bodies as well as humanitarian organizations to demonstrate solidarity by bringing their full support to Sierra Leone in its efforts to fast track the development of the country.
4. In the same vein, the meeting invited All OIC Member States and its financial institutions to provide direct investment either bilaterally or through their business community to explore the many opportunities given the abundant natural and mineral resources available in the country.
5. The meeting reiterated that it stands by the people and government of Sierra Leone in pursuing the country's sustainable development, as outlined during the Trade and Investment Conference, organized in London in June 2019.
